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**APPLICANTS' REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In an election of species requirement mailed on August 23, 2002, the Examiner indicated a belief that the subject application included six patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Figures 1-13  
Figure 14  
Figure 15  
Figure 16  
Figure 17  
Figure 18.

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*Provisional Election with Traverse*

Figures 1-13 are provisionally elected with traverse. Claims 1-3, 7-12, 14, 17-32, and 36-43 read on Figures 1-13. The election of species requirement is submitted to be improper in that the Examiner stated that there are currently no generic claims. For

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example, claim 1 is generic with respect to claims 1-42 and claim 39 is generic with respect to claims 40-42.

If the Examiner has any questions about the present traverse or anticipates rejecting the Applicant's position regarding generic claims, a telephone interview is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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